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The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau, P.C., M.P.
Prime Minister of Canada
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Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0A6

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Re: Canada-US Border Blockade at Emerson

Dear Prime Minister Trudeau:

I write to urge immediate and effective federal action regarding the blockade activity now unfolding at the Canada-US border crossing station at Emerson, Manitoba, part of a series of damaging protest activities now occurring at international border crossings across the country.

You will be aware that the Emerson location is Manitoba's main US border entry point, responsible for facilitating almost all essential north-south commercial trucking operations. This is a critical trade corridor, and orderly and constant traffic flow is an indispensable link in the supply chain relied upon by all Manitobans. Blockades that disrupt this critical corridor – even temporarily – create potential dangers, impose hardships on all Manitobans, and cause severe economic loss and damage to Manitoba and Canadian businesses.

Respectfully, these evolving and increasing border disruptions – in Manitoba and elsewhere across the country – require the reasoned and balanced national leadership that only you and the federal government can provide. To stabilize our international trade routes with our most important ally and trading partner, to de-escalate the domestic tensions that are causing these harmful developments, and to protect the essential interests of all Canadians. A clear and clearly communicated plan is required, while immediate engagement occurs.

I look forward to hearing from you on federal government and Canada Border Service Agency intentions as quickly as the urgency of this situation requires. And I would welcome our discussion on any potential federal-provincial collaborative action that might be of assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Heather Stefanson', written over a horizontal line.

The Honourable Heather Stefanson